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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

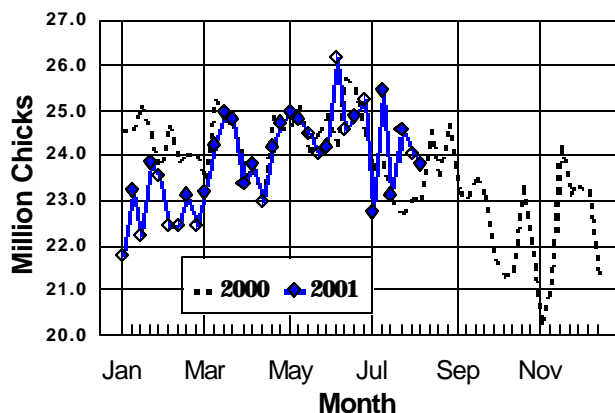
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending August 18, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000, but 1 percent below the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 18, 2001 were 789.2 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.7 million, 1 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

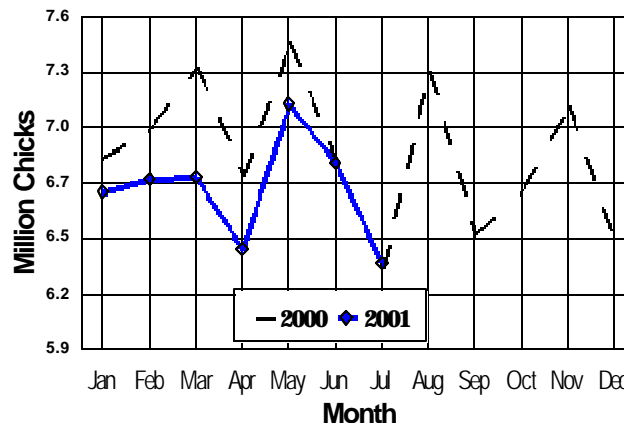
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 18, 2001, down slightly from the same period last year and 1 percent below the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2001, slightly above July 2000.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2000 - 2001



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Jul. 14	23,772	22,778	96
Jul. 21	23,887	25,493	107
Ju1. 28	23,047	23,136	100
Aug. 4	22,725	24,597	108
Aug. 11	23,105	24,047	104
Aug. 18	23,036	23,811	103

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Feb.	7,001	6,748	96
Mar.	7,310	6,752	92
Apr.	6,764	6,398	95
May	7,435	7,117	96
Jun.	6,829	6,822	100
Jul.	6,310	6,326	100

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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	28-Jul	04-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	%	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	04-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	%
Alabama	29,199 *	29,994	30,001	29,256	101	21,629	22,337	21,850	22,603	22,522	21,817	104
ARKANSAS	30,218 *	29,819	30,204	29,880	100	22,778	25,493	23,136	24,597	24,047	23,811	103
Delaware	3,384	3,417	3,518	3,482	91	4,611	4,625	5,127	4,396	5,443 *	5,311	105
Florida	2,302	2,220	2,393	2,398	88	2,276	2,327	2,280	2,068	2,649	2,518	108
Georgia	30,883 *	31,701	31,674 *	31,693	103	24,440	25,573	24,325 *	25,638 *	24,756 *	24,642	102
Maryland	8,701	8,756	8,797	8,695	109	5,668	5,750	5,374	5,737	5,136 *	5,004	86
Mississippi	18,223	19,077	18,981	18,630	103	15,449	15,381	15,639	15,597	15,582	14,709	99
N. Carolina	17,468 *	18,155	16,393	16,845	93	13,950	13,838	13,900	13,982	13,538	13,377	92
Pennsylvania	4,018	3,575 *	3,548 *	3,751	118	2,639	2,588	2,748	2,733 *	2,780 *	2,943	106
S. Carolina	4,899	4,842	4,835	4,984	104	4,251	3,983	3,993	3,840	4,583	3,998	112
Texas	13,911	14,163	13,695	14,135	98	11,879	10,384	11,772	11,400	11,272	10,903	106
Virginia	6,550	6,575	6,322	6,569	103	5,432	4,731	5,347	5,561	5,315	5,091	107
CA TN & W VA	11,401	11,575	11,108 *	11,279	101	10,352	9,866	10,275	10,125	10,437 *	10,839	109
Total 2001	181,157 *	183,869 *	181,469 *	181,597		145,354	146,876	145,766 *	148,277 *	148,060 *	144,963	
Total 2000	178,863	178,892	177,674	180,272		144,530	140,783	140,937	142,149	142,260	142,154	
% PREV. YEAR	101	103	102	101		101	104	103	104	104	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						01-Sep	08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	
* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.												
* Kentucky	5,507 *	5,255	5,508 *	5,599	****	4,268	4,489 *	4,252 *	4,418	4,147 *	4,469	****
* Oklahoma	6,256	6,321	5,908	6,295	****	5,563	4,174	3,970	4,384	4,217	4,891	****
* LA & MO	8,662	9,022	8,651	9,102	****	8,595	7,165	9,067	8,590	9,087	8,132	****
19 StateTotal	201,582 *	204,467 *	201,536 *	202,593		163,780	162,704 *	163,055 *	165,669 *	165,511 *	162,455	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 182 million eggs during the week ending August 18, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 18, 2001 were 4.86 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.